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FOR: TREATMENT OF MINERAL MATERIALS

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response to the Office action mailed on November 17, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.